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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2497

Introduced by Assembly Member Laird

February 23, 2006

An act to add and repeal Section 12805.3 of the Government Code, relating to public resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2497, as amended, Laird. Public resources: Resources Agency.

Existing law requires the Resources Agency in conjunction with specified entities within the agency to develop and maintain a database of lands and easements that have been acquired by those entities. Existing law requires the Wildlife Conservation Board to review and approve the acquisition of *resource* lands and easements for the Department of Fish and Game. Existing law requires the State Public Works Board to review and approve the acquisition of *resource* lands and easements for all other state agencies and departments, *including the Department of Parks and Recreation and the state conservancies*.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency and the Department of Finance to jointly convene a workgroup consisting of representatives from specified state agencies and natural resource organizations to evaluate and ~~recommend proposals for improving the state resource land acquisition responsibilities and organization~~ *develop options for improving the efficiency of state resource land*

acquisition transactions for those departments and conservancies subject to the jurisdiction of the State Public Works Board. The bill would require the agency and department to report to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2008, on the recommendations outcomes of the workgroup.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) The Wildlife Conservation Board is responsible for the
4 review and approval of the acquisition of *resource* lands and
5 easements for the Department of Fish and Game.

6 (b) The State Public Works Board is responsible for the review
7 and approval of the acquisition of *resource* lands and easements
8 for all other state agencies and departments, *including the*
9 *Department of Parks and Recreation and the state conservancies.*

10 (c) In 2004, the California Performance Review recommended
11 that the acquisition of lands and easements for resource purposes
12 be consolidated into a new entity.

13 SEC. 2. Section 12805.3 is added to the Government Code, to
14 read:

15 12805.3. (a) The Secretary of the Resources Agency and the
16 Department of Finance shall jointly convene a workgroup to
17 evaluate and ~~recommend proposals for improving the state~~
18 ~~resource land acquisition responsibilities and organization. The~~
19 ~~evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, the consolidation~~
20 ~~of land acquisition responsibilities for resource purposes. The~~
21 ~~workgroups shall evaluate, but not be limited to, two options that~~
22 ~~include a new entity for all resource land acquisition~~
23 ~~responsibilities that:~~

24 (1) ~~Includes the activities of the Wildlife Conservation Board.~~

25 (2) ~~Does not include the activities of the Wildlife~~
26 ~~Conservation Board. develop options for improving the efficiency~~
27 ~~of state resource land acquisition transactions for those~~
28 ~~departments and conservancies subject to the jurisdiction of the~~
29 ~~State Public Works Board.~~

1 (b) The workgroup shall *not exceed 11 members and shall*
2 include, but not be limited to, representatives from all of the
3 following:

4 (1) The Wildlife Conservation Board.

5 ~~(2) The Department of Fish and Game.~~

6 ~~(3)~~

7 (2) The Department of Parks and Recreation.

8 ~~(4) One or more~~

9 (3) *The State Coastal Conservancy and one or more other*
10 state conservancies with land acquisition responsibilities.

11 ~~(5)~~

12 (4) The Legislative Analyst's Office.

13 ~~(6)~~

14 (5) Natural resource organizations with an interest in and
15 experience with the state land acquisition processes.

16 (c) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the Government Code,
17 on or before January 1, 2008, the Resources Agency and the
18 Department of Finance shall report to the Governor and the
19 Legislature on the ~~recommendations~~ *outcomes* of the workgroup.

20 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
21 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
22 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends
23 that date.